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Commissioner Jane Henney  
FDA Dockets Management Branch  
Docket No. 99N-4282  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney:

It is with disappointment that I write you. I have recently been informed that at least forty-four (44) different genetically engineered foods are being sold without mandatory labeling or pre-market safety testing.

How unusual that the same FDA that prevents medicine from being marketed due to the seemingly unending series of tests is the same FDA that puts untested, unlabeled genetically engineered food in the supermarkets.

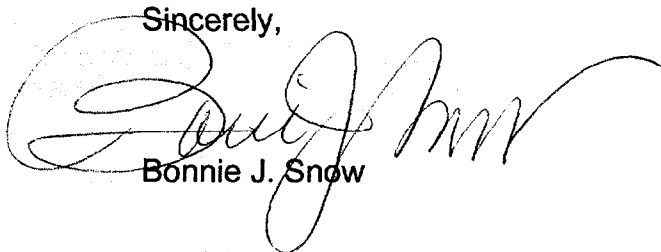
This is unacceptable in an age when cancer rates, medical costs and insurance rates are all soaring.

Perhaps your budget has been cut, and the red tape is too long. If, however, that is the case, then these foods should not be in the supermarkets where we can eat them. I can't afford to be a guinea pig to untested experimental foods. Nor do I wish to suffer the side effects of food which perhaps, being produced by monied interests, is being noticeably and purposely untested.

I am a former Assistant District Attorney. I have family members that work for the government. This is not be the way that our government should reward us, and I hope that you will do your best to see that this situation is rectified. In the event that you are not the person to whom I should be writing, I would appreciate your advising me.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



Bonnie J. Snow

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# The Hungry Holler

THE HUNGRY HOLLOW CO-OP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1999

## THIS MOM IS HAPPY TO SHOP LOCALLY

Like many working moms, there is a feeling of dread that overshadows the approach of the winter holidays that grabs a hold of me no matter how I resist. Trying to plan both Chanukah and Christmas celebrations and remember our relatives and friends far away, seems to fill each day to the breaking point. Amidst all this outer activity there is also a longing to quietly appreciate the blessedness of this season and contemplate gratitude for the inner light of our fellow men and women.

Having local businesses that welcome our children, answer our gift giving questions and provide beautiful and inspiring gifts has relieved our family from needless trips to the mall. So ease some of the pressure this December. Stop in at Weleda, Sunbridge College Bookstore, Nova Toys and Casa Verde and let their light warm your holiday.

*Christine*

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## VILLAGE UPDATE

We had our first meeting with the Chestnut Ridge Planning Board in October, about the possibility of expanding our facility and parking. The issues are fairly complicated and are influenced by zoning restrictions. This location has historically been a retail food and/or pharmacy since the 1930's, when it was called The Threefold Corner Store. Several Co-op members spoke warmly about the Co-op's importance in their lives and the vital center it has become for the Chestnut Ridge community. Michael Scharff, Threefold Foundation's architect and planner, presented drawings for two possible plans. The Village Board members are interested in understanding and discussing this issue further. The next Planning Board meeting is January 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in supporting the Co-op in this process, call Ray Manacas @ 352-5020 or Christine @ The Co-op.

**LOOK FOR: Dec.**  
***Sale Items inside***  
***this Flyer!***  
***Holiday Hours on***  
***back page.***

## OUT OF STOCKS

We have been facing continuous "out of stocks" on certain product lines due to major changes in our two big suppliers. *Cornucopia* has merged with *Stowe Mills* to form *United Natural Foods* and *Northeast Cooperatives* is moving into a huge new warehouse. Amidst these transitions, we are trying to find alternative products and sources to keep our shelves well stocked. Thank you for your patience, we share your eagerness to get some old favorites back on the shelves!

## GMO Response Website

Currently, at least 44 different Genetically engineered foods are being sold without mandatory labeling or pre-market safety testing. You can send an urgent message to the Commissioner of the FDA by visiting [www.foodsafetynow.org](http://www.foodsafetynow.org) or write to: Commissioner Jane Henney, FDA Dockets Management Branch, Docket No. 99N-4282, 5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Because of FDA's failure to require labeling, millions of Americans are consuming Genetically Engineered Foods without knowing it!

For more information contact *The Center or Food Safety* at (202) 547-9359.

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[www.centerforfoodsafety.org](http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org).

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